

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 14, 23, and 31; claim 5 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6-23, and 31 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-13, 15-20, 22, 23, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nikander, *et al.* ("End-Host Mobility and Multi-homing with Host Identity Protocol" June 17, 2003) in view of Wall, *et al.* ("Integrating Security, Mobility, and Multi-homing in a HIP way" February 2003).

Claims 4 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nikander, *et al.* ("End-Host Mobility and Multi-homing with Host Identity Protocol" June 17, 2003) in view of Wall, *et al.* ("Integrating Security, Mobility, and Multi-homing in a HIP way" February 2003) and further in view of Nordman (US Patent #: 6,061,346).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable dependent claim 5. As such, independent claim 1 is now also allowable. Dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-13, and 15-22 are allowable at least by virtue of depending from amended independent claim 1.

Independent claims 23 and 31 have been amended to recite the allowable elements of claims 10 and 5, respectively. As such, these claims are now also allowable.

Allowance of claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 15-23, and 31 is respectfully requested.

3.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 5, 10 and 14.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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